

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, the specification is amended and claims 1, 7, 11, 17, 21 and 22 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Nguyen in the January 18, 2005 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

During the personal interview, Examiner Nguyen asserted that the formulas for Equation (7) is allegedly unclear. By this Supplemental Amendment, the specification is amended to clarify the formulas for Equation (7).

II. The Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements

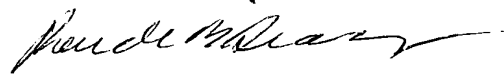
During the personal interview, Examiner Nguyen asserted that the recitation "dividing" as recited in claims 1, 7, 11, 17, 21 and 22 are unclear. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1, 7, 11, 17, 21 and 22 are amended to replace the recitation "dividing" with recitation "determining." Thus, the claims distinctly claim the subject matter recited therein. Applicants submit the requirements of the Patent Office have been met.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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